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CCAPA Bylaws Update

by Kurt Christiansen, AICP, President-Elect

One of the responsibilities of the CCAPA Board is to periodically review and update the Bylaws of the organization and propose amendments to the membership to bring the policies and procedures into consistency with the CCAPA Strategic Plan and to keep up-to-date with current trends and technologies. At the March 3, 2007, CCAPA Board Meeting, the Board voted to start the official process to amend the Chapter Bylaws. The Board directed changes to four (4) areas in the Bylaws as follows:

- Reflect the Board action in 2006 that changed the Planner Emeritus Network (PEN) membership to include all eligible CCAPA members, eliminate PEN membership fees, provide funding from the Chapter, and to provide a set of duties for the PEN President.
- Allow the election process to be conducted online.
- Allow the Board to vote by e-mail on proposed changes to the Bylaws and to publish the changes on the CCAPA website.
- Duties of the Vice President of Administration shall include Conference Committee Liaison.

As directed in 2006, the PEN President shall sit on the CCAPA Board as a permanent member and, as such, has been removed from the list of appointed officers. A set of duties for the PEN President have been included in Article

6.15. The proposed changes to the election procedures, as set forth in Article 7, and the Bylaw changes, as set forth in Article 16, now allow for mail or electronic voting.

The final action related to the Annual CCAPA State Conference. The Board directed that the duties of the Vice President for Administration be modified to include acting as Conference Committee liaison. This change has been added as Article 6.6, subsection 1.

The CCAPA Board of Directors reviewed the actual Bylaws Amendments at their June 23, 2007 meeting and directed a summary to be published in the *California Planner*.

The complete revised Bylaws are on the CCAPA website, www.calapa.org. Also on the website is an area to submit comments on the proposed Bylaws Amendment or send comments to kchristiansen@yorba-linda.org. Comments will be received until February 12, 2008. Following that comment period, the Board will review the comments and vote on the proposed Bylaws Amendments. The revised Final Bylaws will be posted on the website.



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Commissioner's CORNER

Where the Rubber Meets the Road

By Kathy Garcia, FASLA



In the last several months, I've had the dubious honor of driving most all the length of California (more than once) and viewing the state from the road.

One trip along Highway 395 stretched from the south of the state to almost the Oregon border.

Another trip was along Interstate 5, from San Diego to Sacramento and back.

Another trip was along the coastal Route 1 from Mendocino to San Francisco. I've seen Placerville and Philo; San Francisco and Susanville. I've driven through quiet ghost towns such as Randsburg and Red Mountain and the rapidly growing metropolises that dot the state, from Adelanto to Yucaipa.

There is no doubt that California is a diverse state. Our geography is varied; I drove past volcanic cinder cones, through granitic mountain ranges, across endless flat deserts and into deep coastal canyons. Our climate is dissimilar; in those same two months, I encountered very, very hot and very, very dry — snow in the mountains, a high desert thunderstorm, and moist fog along the coast. Our historical background is even quite wide-ranging, from Sacramento, incorporated in 1850, to its neighbor Rancho Cordova, incorporated in 2003.

Why then is our development so similar? The houses I saw in Victorville look like the houses I saw in Vacaville. A shopping center we stopped at in Fontana looks like a shopping center we drove by in Fresno. The big box retailer in Bishop appears amazingly similar to its counterpart in Buena Park. Has our development lost its geographic diversity? It appears that way to me.

As we review projects, we need to be conscious of geographic diversity and how it is expressed in the applications we evaluate. Let's start at the General Plan; does it have a policy, urban design section, or some distinction that makes the jurisdiction unique within the state? Then, let's look at any design guidelines that are called out in Specific Plans or other documents — do they exemplify the region we're in?

Let us also look at the actual project submission; can you tell by looking at it where it is located? Can you see how it responds to your unique weather,

geography, or history? Ask the applicant, "How are you expressing the qualities of your town?"

Mark Rhodes, the former Planning Manager with the City of Berkeley, states that planning commissioners are where the planning "rubber meets the road." We are often the moment of truth for how effective our policies and ordinances can be in shaping our cities and counties. We have the responsibility to ensure that new development reflects the community values, diversity, ecosystem, and points of interest. Otherwise, our view from the road will be quite homogenous and, I think, quite dull.

Congratulations to the many award winners illustrated in this issue of the *CalPlanner*. These projects do a good job of expressing their community character. A big pat on the back to you planning commissioners who had the foresight to approve and condition these award-winning projects, so that they could represent your jurisdiction so marvelously.

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How to Login for the First Time

CCAPA members are now able to login to gain access to Members-Only capabilities. To login for the first time, click on the link "Forgot your Password?" in the lower left area of the web page; type in the email address CCAPA has on file for you, and login with the information emailed instantly to your email account.

Legislative UPDATE

By Sande George, Stefan/George Associates, CCAPA Legislative Advocate



CCAPA Legislative Update –

2007 Legislative Year In Review

As you know, the Governor has now finished signing and vetoing all of the bills on his desk. The Legislature also adjourned its regular session until January 7. The Legislature is in special session to deal with health care and water issues, but so far, no progress has been made except for dueling water initiatives on their way to the ballot. Below, is a list of the key planning-related bills that were signed into law and vetoed, the legislative working groups that will be meeting this fall for legislation in 2008, a look at CCAPA's climate change policy recommendations, and 2008 initiatives. If you would like further information or a copy of any of the bills, please visit the legislative website at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

What The Governor Signed:

FLOOD PLANNING: The Success Story

SB 5 (Machado/Wolk) – Central Valley Only (CCAPA Supports)

- 200-year flood is the new standard for urban areas of Central Valley
- DWR to produce 100-year and 200-year flood maps for Valley by July 2008
- New Central Valley Flood Protection Plan by 2012
- Local governments in Valley to amend the General Plan and zoning by 2015
- After plans and zoning adopted, new urban development must have 200-year protection or show "adequate progress" toward that goal
- New flood control plan must address climate change impacts
- New flood zone construction standards to be developed
- There are still many loose ends – funding for getting 200-year protection in urban areas; how to treat development in flood zones until new requirements start in 2015; liability not just through AB 70 but also if locals fail to take into account new flood information that is available before 2015

SB 17 (Florez) – Central Valley Only (CCAPA Neutral)

- Makes changes to the State Reclamation Board

AB 70 (Jones) – Central Valley Only (CCAPA Neutral)

- Imposes liability for flood damage caused by "unreasonable development approval" in undeveloped flood zones behind state project levees
- But "unreasonable" only if city/county fails to comply with SB 5 which begins in 2015
- Imposes liability beginning 2007 unless application already submitted by 1/1/08

AB 156 (Laird) – Central Valley Only (CCAPA Supports)

- Promotes flood safety planning at the local level

AB 162 (Wolk) – Applies Statewide (CCAPA Supports)

- New flood requirements for General Plan Safety Element
- Mostly follows current OPR General Plan Guidelines and FEMA flood plan model
- Begins with Housing Element updates in 2009
- Can use existing similar flood plans to comply

HOMELESS AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

SB 2 (Cedillo) – (CCAPA Supports)

- Requires each jurisdiction to identify in housing element at least one zone where emergency shelters are allowed without a use permit
- Adds specific conditions that can be imposed on emergency shelters
- Violations added to Anti-NIMBY statute
- Requires similar zoning for special needs facilities, but not in housing element and can require a use permit (must treat such facilities as a residential use)

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CCAPA "QUICK LEG INFO"

Feature Now on CCAPA Website Homepage

CCAPA has added a quick legislative information feature — members can now quickly and easily access key information right from the home page, without signing in. Under the new QUICK LEG INFO feature (under the Consultant Directory link), just click on the "Hot Bill List" link. That link connects members to reports on the hot bills, CCAPA positions, and the status of each measure.

Please take the time to review this time-saving new feature.

Legislative Update*continued from page 4***LOCAL FEES AND TAXES****AB 641 (Torrico) – Fees on Affordable Housing Projects (CCAPA Neutral)**

- Prohibits local governments from requiring the payment of local developer fees before the developer has received a certificate of occupancy for any housing development in which at least 49 percent of the units are affordable to low- or very low-income households
- Exempts developer fees levied for school construction purposes

AB 1260 (Caballero) — Notice for New or Increasing Property-Related Fees (CCAPA Supports)

- Clarifies how a public agency is to provide notice when proposing a new or increasing an existing property-related fee or charge to address the decision in Bighorn
- Clarifies how to count any written protests that may be filed to resolve the conflict that arises from the language of Prop 218 and particularly the provision that defines property ownership to include tenancies where the tenant is directly liable for paying a fee or charge to a public agency
- Authorizes a public agency to send notice of a proposed new or increased fee or charge to the address to which it ordinarily sends the regular billing statement or in some cases to the address where the service will be provided

LAFCOs AND SPHERES OF INFLUENCE**SB 162 (Negrete McLeod) – Consideration of EJ for Boundary Changes (CCAPA Supports)**

- Requires LAFCOs to consider environmental justice when they act on boundary changes

AB 1262 (Caballero) – LAFCO Clarifications (CCAPA Supports)

- Deletes the January 1, 2008 sunset on the requirement that a city and county meet prior to the city applying to the local agency formation commission (LAFCO) for a new or updated sphere of influence
- Deletes the requirement that the city and county meet at least 30 days prior to the city submitting an application to LAFCO for a new or updated sphere of influence, and instead requires that the meeting happen anytime before the city submits the application to LAFCO
- Specifies that any agreement between the city and county must be forwarded to LAFCO in writing
- Clarifies that LAFCO has to give great weight to any agreement reached by the city and county only to the extent that the agreement is consistent with LAFCO's adopted policies

CLIMATE CHANGE**SB 97 (Dutton) – Climate Change CEQA Analysis and Challenge Protection (CCAPA Neutral)**

- Requires OPR to develop CEQA Guidelines "for the mitigation of GHG emissions or the effects of GHG emissions" by 7-1-09
- Requires the Resources Agency to adopt those CEQA Guidelines by 1-1-10
- Requires OPR and Resources Agency to periodically update the Guidelines
- Removes climate change analysis as a cause of action under CEQA for certain state-financed bond infrastructure projects (retroactive with a sunset on 1-1-10) under Prop 1B and 1E
- For the first time, acknowledges that climate change analysis has its place in the CEQA process and requires OPR to specify mitigation
- Does not protect all public agencies from CEQA challenges

EMINENT DOMAIN AND REDEVELOPMENT**SB 437 (Negrete McLeod) – Redevelopment Agency Reports (CCAPA Neutral)**

- Requires redevelopment agencies to report their project areas' time limits in their annual reports and five-year implantation plans

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Issue	Articles Submitted	Mailed*
May/June	March 3	April 14
July/Aug.	May 5	June 16
Sept./Oct.	July 7	August 18
Nov./Dec.	September 8	October 20

* Membership will receive magazine within 10 working days after this date, on average. Dates subject to change without notice.

New Resource Published

Island Press has published an important resource for planners and developers: William Travis' *New Geographies of the American West: Land Use and the Changing Patterns of Place*.

Travis explains the effects of the West's growth and discusses solutions to critical issues affecting communities in the American West, such as the inclusion of community stakeholders in the decision-making process and the preservation of natural lands.

As a resident of Colorado, Travis has a personal and unique perspective on these issues, illustrating changes to the landscape that is right in his backyard.

More information about the book can be found at the Island Press webpage: <http://www.islandpress.org/books/detail.html/SKU/1-59726-071-1>. The webpage includes a useful "How To" list for planners with tips and solutions for facing issues of sprawl and preservation.

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Legislative Update

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SB 698 (Torlakson) – Information on Process and Rights (CCAPA Neutral)

- Requires a public entity exercising the power of eminent domain, at the time of sending an offer to purchase, to provide the property owner with an informational pamphlet outlining the process and their rights

CEQA

SB 341 (Lowenthal) – EIRS for Enterprise Zones (CCAPA Neutral)

- Beginning October 1, 2007, allows a city or county selected as a finalist by the Department of Housing and Community Development for an enterprise zone (EZ) designation to prepare either a negative declaration or a mitigated negative declaration as alternatives to preparing an environmental impact report

SB 1046 (Senate EQ Committee) – CEQA Changes (CCAPA Neutral)

- Makes clarifying changes to the process of the payment and remitting of fees required under CEQA, as it relates to environmental impact reports
- Requires a notice of completion to provide longitude and latitude information identifying a project

What The Governor Vetoed:

AB 414 (Jones) – Overlay Zoning Restrictions – CCAPA OPPOSED

- Would have restricted use of overlay zoning (housing over commercial)
- Would have placed overlay parcels under no net loss provisions if housing units used as part of housing inventory under RHNA
- Would have allowed jurisdictions that used overlay zoning to only count one unit for every two units built unless designated affordable or designated as "mixed use" under a new definition
- Would have placed in statute process HCD uses to determine past performance plus pro-housing policies to count sites in overlay zones
- Would have encouraged Greenfield development over infill and eliminated flexibility
- Governor agreed

AB 1542 (Evans) – Mobilehome Rent Control – CCAPA SUPPORTED

- Would have maintained local rent control on lots that are not purchased by residents within a mobilehome park that converts to resident ownership
- Governor thought it was too broad and urged the interested parties to try to reach a more targeted compromise next year

Working Group Issues For This Fall:

HOUSING ELEMENTS AND ZONING (SB 303)

- 10-year zoning for housing
- No housing element reform or streamlining
- Zoning and CEQA upfront at housing element stage, not project stage
- No funding to cover the costs, yet
- Zoning required one year after adoption
- CCAPA agrees with upfront CEQA and longer planning timelines, but believes that housing element changes, coordination with other existing local laws and requirements, and adequate funding must be provided along with the other changes

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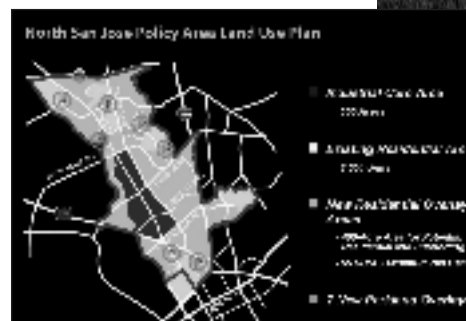
2007 CCAPA Awards of Excellence

2007 Comprehensive Planning/Large Jurisdiction Award

Vision North San Jose, City of San Jose

Adopted in June 2005, The Vision North San Jose project sets forth a comprehensive and integrated set of land use, economic development, and transportation policies for a critical region of the City of San Jose. This primarily industrial area is home to many of the City's high-tech companies and is a very important employment center. The goal for this planning effort was to provide for more development in North San Jose through a set of policies that benefit both the region's employers and all of San Jose's residents. The effectiveness of this vision is already demonstrated through new industrial, residential, and commercial development projects underway.

Contact: *Andrew Crabtree, City of San Jose (408) 535-7893*



2007 Comprehensive Planning/Small Jurisdiction Award

Rancho Cordova General Plan - Building Our City, Guiding Our Future

Rancho Cordova is a community coming of age, poised to fulfill a new role within the Sacramento region. As a newly incorporated city, Rancho Cordova has both great opportunities and real challenges moving forward. The General Plan is the city's blueprint to "Build a City." As the City grows from a population of 50,000 to more than 300,000, the City's General Plan focuses on maintaining a balanced and unified community, joining together the existing community and new development areas, to become a vibrant destination place in the region. For just over two years, the team of City staff and consultants worked together seamlessly to complete a ground-up re-imagining of what the community will become.

Contact: *Paul Junker, PMC (916)361-8384*



2007 Planning Implementation/Large Jurisdiction Award

North Costa Mesa High Rise Residential Projects, City of Costa Mesa

In less than two years, five developers proposed eight high-rise buildings in the South Coast Plaza Town Center area of Costa Mesa. Not only would they be the first of their kind in the City, these high-rises would be the most significant development since the South coast Plaza. The City was faced with the challenge of processing these high-rise buildings from multiple developers in an organized fashion. The City first considered processing these projects one-by-one but quickly realized the disadvantages which included piecemealing and incomplete analysis. The City's ultimate planning process for the North Costa Mesa High-Rise projects implemented a multi-faceted approach which led to a successful outcome in record time of 14 months, given the complexity of these significant development projects

Contact: *Don Lamm, City of Costa Mesa (714) 754-5245*



2007 Planning Implementation/Small Jurisdiction Award

Town Plaza, Culver City - Phase I, City of Culver City Redevelopment



The dream of creating Culver City Town Plaza began more than 15 years ago. Born out of a series of visioning workshops, community meetings, public charrettes, and walking tours, a plan for Town Plaza was created not only to provide a catalyst for the entire downtown areas but also to revitalize and centralize the city's historic core. The project was envisioned as a critical piece to complete the puzzle of transforming Downtown into a "Great Place," and through innovative planning, public participation and perseverance, it was finally realized in 2004. The Town Plaza project has become the pride of the Culver City Community, not only in its final form, but through its successful planning and implementation to bring the promise of a dream . . . into reality.

Contact: Michael Pasternak, City of Culver City (310) 253-5777

2007 Planning Implementation/Small Jurisdiction Award

El Carrillo - Homeless Housing Project, City of Santa Barbara



El Carrillo is a beautiful housing project comprising several buildings connected by pleasant courtyards and paseo walkways. The City of Santa Barbara's Housing Authority completed the project in September of 2006. In addition to being a beautiful housing project, it provides 61 studio apartments of permanent affordable housing to Santa Barbara's homeless. It is the first permanent supportive housing development of its kind in Santa Barbara County and is based on the "Housing First" model. The housing authority has partnered with Work Training Programs, a local, well-established social service organization, to provide "wraparound" services such as mental health treatment, alcohol and drug counseling, job training, life skills and budgeting classes.

Contact: Simon Kiefer, City of Santa Barbara (805) 564-5461

2007 Planning Project Award

Grossmont Trolley Station Project, City of La Mesa

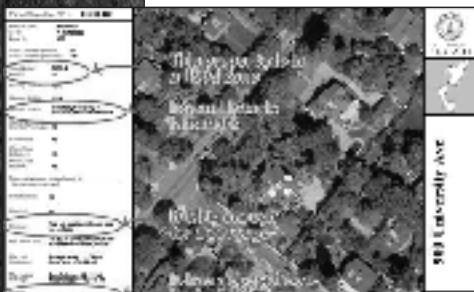


The Grossmont Trolley Station Project is a 100 million dollar, smart growth, sustainable, mixed-use, affordable housing, transit-oriented development consisting of 527 apartment units with 2,700 square feet of retail space surrounding one of San Diego's light rail mass transit stations. At a density of 67 units per acre, this green building project will be built to the silver level of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. The project required collaboration among a number of public agencies including the City of La Mesa, which contributed 2.7 million dollars from housing funds of the La Mesa Community Redevelopment Agency, a \$2 million Smart Growth demonstration project grant from SANDAG, and the commitment from the Metropolitan Transit System for a 600-space public parking structure.

Contact: William Chopyk, AICP, City of La Mesa (619) 667-1187

2007 Innovative Use of Technology Award

Palo Alto's GIS Parcel Report, City of Palo Alto Planning Division



The characteristics of a lot determine its development potential, and chief among these characteristics is the area of the lot. In order to determine true potential, you need to look at more than just the lot area. Easements, flood zones, setbacks, allowable coverage, floor area, height limits, potential historic resources, among other characteristics play an important part in determining development potential. In the past, the City of Palo Alto assisted people with this determination by pulling out records from multiple departments and putting a pencil to paper. After 20 minutes or more, an answer was achieved. Today, with the use of their GIS Parcel Report, the click of a button can generate a one-page report that includes a map of the property and all crucial pieces of information needed to determine true development potential of a parcel in the City.

Contact: Julie Caporgno, City of Palo Alto (650) 329-2679

2007 Focused Issue Planning Award

American River Parkway Plan Update Advisory Sacramento County Planning/CDD Department

The American River Parkway Plan regulates the 29-mile American River Parkway riparian corridor, extending from the confluence with the Sacramento River to Folsom Dam. The preservation of an open space greenbelt through the urbanized downtown of Sacramento City, and flowing through the unincorporated County and City of Rancho Cordova, creates a natural respite from the urban uses surrounding the parkway. The continued preservation and enhancement of this open space greenbelt, within an urbanized area with adjacent development pressures, provides a unique and irreplaceable natural resource for the surrounding communities and visitors to Sacramento. The resulting plan forwarded to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, and Cities of Sacramento and Rancho Cordova by the Update Citizens' Advisory Committee is of high quality and focuses on preservation of the jewel of the Sacramento region, the American River Parkway.

Contact: Leighann Moffit, Sacramento County (916) 874-6141



2007 Best Practices Award

California Historical Resource Inventory Data, City of Ontario

The City of Ontario's California Historic Resource Inventory Database, is a cutting-edge, web-based, full service, historic preservation tool that standardizes and streamlines historic resource documentation, management, and distribution. Using technology to manage historic resources isn't new. Using technology to build a universal, downloadable, web-based tool and making it available to all local governments to further historic preservation in the State of California is a new and innovative approach. The City of Ontario collaborated with the State Office of Historic Preservation and local governments and historic resource consultants to make this vision a reality. The database will help integrate historic preservation into the planning process by providing a one-stop shop to view geographic and property details of a city's historic resources.

Contact: Jerry Blum, City of Ontario (909) 395-2030, John Loomis, Thirtieth Street Architects, Inc. (949) 673-2643



2007 Grassroots Initiative Award

Central City Community Transportation Plan Central City Neighborhood Partners

The Central City Neighborhood Partners brought together a team of community-based organizations and residents to partner with the City of Los Angeles to implement a community-driven neighborhood revitalization and transportation plan to address the mobility needs of low-income, transit dependent residents in Los Angeles' most densely populated neighborhoods. The Central City Neighborhood Partners team motivated by the desire to create healthy, vibrant communities – neighborhoods with safe streets, clean sidewalks, quality bus stops, good bus service, more trees, and open space – spent two years developing the plan and continues to work on implementation. The plan created equitable transportation systems in underserved communities through a collaborative implementation model whose cornerstone was consensus building and participatory community engagement.

Contact: Veronica Olmos McDonnell, Central City Neighborhood Partners (213) 782-8618, ext. 300



2007 Advocacy Planning Award

The Planning for Active Transportation and Health (PATH) Effort, Redwood Community Action Agency

The Planning for Active Transportation and Health effort, known as PATH, was undertaken in Humboldt County California in 2005- 2006. The primary goal of this cross-disciplinary exploration was to develop practical measures to improve the equitability of local transportation decision-making and investments. The PATH model was developed with a focus on strategies that have broad relevance and transferability to resource-limited governments in rural and non-metropolitan regions. The goals of Path were to establish locally based strategies for incorporating land use, public health, and economic development goals into local and regional transportation efforts. To create a workable blueprint for non-metropolitan communities to plan for better, fund, implement, and evaluate multi-modal transportation projects, and to develop procedural recommendations for local transportation planners to work towards broader community goals in the areas of public health and safety, social equity, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

Contact: Christopher Lohofener, Redwood Community Action Agency (707) 269-2064



2007 Contribution to Women Award

Intergenerational Daycare Facility, City of Lemoore



The first intergenerational daycare facility in the Central Valley, serving 40-96 low-income children and 8-12 disabled adult/seniors, is now for business. This planning project involved almost three years of work in the making that will result in fulfilling much-needed services while revitalizing a dilapidated structure that might have become a permanent blight to the City of Lemoore. The idea for the project started in December 2004, when the city became aware of an extreme need for child care services and an unmet need for disabled adult daycare in the community. The city listened to the community and was able to rehabilitate a blighted facility while meeting the intergenerational daycare need of the community.

Contact: Holly Smith, City of Lemoore (559) 924-6740

2007 Education Project Award

Greenbelt Alliance's "Bay Area Smart Growth Scorecard" Asian Neighborhood Design



The Bay Area Smart Growth Scorecard is a landmark assessment of the planning policies of all 101 cities and nine counties of the bay area. Although the state of the city's current development is apparent to anyone who visits it, the policies that guide a city's development are not so obvious. Greenbelt Alliance created a Smart Growth Scorecard to show the public and decision makers what planning policies do, why they are important, and how the region is doing. The Association of Bay Area Governments estimates that the Bay Area will have one million additional residents by 2020. The Smart Growth Scorecard makes the point that the region's growth is guided by planning policies of individual cities and counties and illustrates the importance of preparing for that growth with good policies.

Contact: Peter Cohen, Asian Neighborhood Design (415) 575-0423, ext. 221

2007 Academic Award

CRP 341 (Community Design Lab), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly State University, SLO



The Traver Urban Design Plan was a project of the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's Community and Regional Planning School's Community Design Lab., led by Professor Vincente Del Rio. The plan resulted from an 11-week collaborative effort during which the class performed as tasks as in a "real life" planning team. The final plan was presented by the students to the community, local political leaders, and county officials in a public meeting. The Traver Urban design plan promotes a positive pattern of growth. It expands the 405-acre community development area by 171 acres with new residential, commercial, industrial, open space/recreational and civic uses.

2007 Academic Award

Dr. Sanjoy Mazumdar



Dr Sanjoy Mazumdar is a professor in the Department of Planning, Policy and design, Department of Asian American Studies, and Religious Studies at the University of California Irvine. His contributions to the campus, local community, international community, and the planning profession have been exceptional from both a professional and academic perspective. Dr. Mazumdar has engaged in efforts to build various components of planning and related programs at UCI. He has played an integral role in developing programs and specialties in the Department of Planning, Policy and Design. He is a strong advocate for diversity in faculty and students at UCI.

2007 Hard-Won Victory Award

Newport Beach General Plan City of Newport Beach/EIP Associates

The City of Newport Beach General Plan is the first comprehensive revision of the City's General Plan in more than 30 years. Following adoption of the General Plan by the City Council, the General Plan was placed on the ballot and approved by a majority of the voters, validating its reflection of resident views. The updated general plan fundamentally changes how land use and policy decisions are made. Due to a ballot initiative limiting growth, the previous plan was largely a land use quantity manual that allocated future development capacities to specified statistical areas, without vision for the city and limited policies to guide development and resource conservation. To meet the requirements of the city's growth limitation initiative the updated General Plan incorporates a substantially modified and easier use development monitoring system.

Contact: Woodie Tescher, EIP, a Division of PBS&J (310) 268-8132



2007 Distinguished Leadership/Professional Planner Award

Betsy McCullough, AICP

Betsy McCullough works for the City of San Diego. She brings a wealth of policy knowledge, institutional memory, ethical good judgment, and practical experience to every assignment she undertakes. McCullough recognizes that public input is an essential part of the planning process and has diligently worked to provide citizen volunteers with the knowledge and access they need to truly contribute to their communities. Her leadership, understanding of city process, dedication to fairness, and in-depth knowledge is of great value to the City Planning and Community Investment Department and to the community at large. The results of her long and distinguished career are evident in San Diego's physical form, as well in the work of the many planners who have benefited from her guidance.



2007 Distinguished Leadership/Elected Official Award

Carl E. Morehouse

Carl Morehouse, Mayor of the City of Ventura, began his political career in 1999, when he was elected to his first four-year term on the Ventura City Council. However, let's start a little earlier in his life. Mayor Morehouse began his local government planning career, in 1975 in Henderson, Kentucky. As an elected official, Morehouse promotes Smart Growth principles, which are reflected in the city's recently adopted General Plan and formed-based development code. After being elected to the City Council, he has worked with the Ventura County Community Foundation to establish a countywide forum to discuss land use, growth issues, and the Three E's, environment, economy, and social equity. Throughout his planning and political career, Morehouse has advocated balancing these often perceived competing forces.



2007 Distinguished Leadership/Planning Firm, Department or Agency Award

SANDAG (The Smart Growth Concept Map for the San Diego Tribal MOU)

The San Diego region faces significant challenges similar to other California urban regions: easing traffic congestion, making homes more affordable, overcoming infrastructure deficits, and improving water and air quality. The San Diego Association of Government, SANDAG, is setting the standard to meet these challenges through the implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The effort undertaken by SANDAG and its member agencies as well as other community, business, and environmental leadership organizations truly demonstrates an outstanding strategic vision brought into focus through planning excellence. Other examples of their distinguished leadership include their smart growth concept map and their emerging regional government to government framework with tribal nations.



2007 Distinguished Leadership/Citizen/Layperson Award

David M. Brown, City of Calabasas



Dave Brown has provided 31 years of documented service to organizations working to preserve the Santa Monica Mountains of Los Angeles County. He has served on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Trail Council for 12 years and on the Conservancy's Advisory committee for 22 years. He has also served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Calabasas for 15 years. Dave Brown promotes the furtherance of planning by volunteering and encouraging public participation, linking interagency planning efforts, and educating others. In his role as a planning commissioner, he is fair and impartial.

2007 Distinguished Leadership/Citizen Planner/Layperson Award

Bruce Garlich, City of Costa Mesa



Bruce Garlich has been an active Citizen Planner for the past 25 years, serving in this timeframe as a Planning Commissioner, President of his homeowner association, board member on the Newport Schools Foundation and Costa Mesa Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce member, and graduate of the citizen police and fire academies. He served three consecutive terms on the Costa Mesa Planning Commission where he continued to exemplify the ideal citizen planner. In November 2006, the *Daily Pilot* newspaper in Costa Mesa endorsed Garlich as a return to a more moderate, considered, and reasonable philosophy of governing. In January 2007, he resigned from the Planning Commission due to personal health reasons. Public reaction to his resignation was a mix of great appreciation for his work and hope that he would return to public service again someday.

2007 Diversity Service Award

Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, AICP



Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore has been in the forefront in advocating for greater diversity in APA and in the planning field. The California Chapter APA Board kicked off its new diversity program two years ago, led by Jeanette. She is currently serving on the APA Diversity Subcommittee. At the 2006 Conference, Jeanette organized a session entitled "Adding Color to the Planning Profession." The panel discussed several major initiatives that were underway at the state and national level to bring more people of color to the Planning Table. These efforts make California the leader among all other state chapters in bringing diversity to planning.

2007 Individual Journalist Award

John King, *San Francisco Chronicle*



John King has been writing articles on urban planning for over two decades. He has a weekly column in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2002 and 2003. In April 2007, he wrote a series on Instant Urbanism, showing that the San Francisco Bay Area's suburban centers are becoming citified. The newburbs, as he named them, are located throughout the region and are sprouting city-type downtowns and districts. King points out that "The Suburbia of the future will be more dense than today." There's a limit to how far a region's population should sprawl, or how much land should be consumed.

2007 Section Activity Award

San Diego Section

On January 19, 2007, the San Diego Section of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association conducted an innovative "Planning Commissioners Workshop, the ABC's of Regional Planning." This well-attended workshop was co-sponsored by SANDAG, Caltrans District 11, and the League of California Cities, and was the first known regional workshop to bring planning commissioners and other citizen planners and professional planners together to learn about and discuss the San Diego's regional issues, plans and programs.



CCAPA Awards of Merit

2007 Comprehensive Planning/Large Jurisdiction

Glendale Downtown Specific Plan & Mobility Study City of Glendale Planning Department

The Downtown Specific Plan is a mixed use, urban design-oriented plan that establishes the desired physical vision for downtown Glendale through a clear and comprehensive set of policies, incentives, and requirements. A corresponding mobility study outlines strategies to reduce auto congestion and promote multi-modal transportation. Combining these two documents is the most comprehensive and progressive planning effort to date in Glendale.

Contact: Hassan Haghani, City of Glendale (818) 548-2115

2007 Comprehensive Planning/Large Jurisdiction

San Diego Downtown Community Plan Centre City Development Corporation/Dyett & Bhatia

The Downtown Community Plan is the first of the 24 Community Plans in San Diego to be updated following the city's new strategic direction. Innovative tools and features include three-dimensional computer modeling for views of solar access, development intensity incentives to foster public amenities, and TDR programs for parkland creation and historic resource preservation.

Contact: Rajeev Bhatia, AICP, Dyett & Bhatia (415) 956-4300

2007 Comprehensive Planning/Small Jurisdiction

Vision Plan for the City of Coachella

The City of Coachella is one of California's fastest growing cities with a project population increase of 50 percent between 2003 and 2008. In response to this growth, and to the success of resorts and retail destinations in neighboring communities, the city initiated a year-long visioning process for future commercial and residential development in a 5,000 acre area. The plan creates a framework for cohesive and attractive balanced growth.

Contact: Tom Ford, Design, Community & Environment (510) 848-3815, David Petritz, City of Coachella (760) 398-3102

2007 Focused Issue Planning

Redlands Passenger Rail Station Area Plans

In 2006, the San Bernardino Associated Governments authorized a multidisciplinary team of planning consultants to prepare station area plans adjacent to the planned Redlands Passenger Rail in the Cities of San Bernardino, Loma Linda, and Redlands. The proposed strategic station locations provide tremendous potential for transit-oriented development that should help revitalize these areas.

Contact: Roland Genick, AICP, Gruen Associates (323) 937-4270

CCAPA Awards of Merit

2007 Focused Issue Planning

Wetland Project Permitting Guide and Guide to Native and Invasive Streamside Plants, Ventura County Planning Division

The Wetland Project Permitting Guide and the Guide to Native and Invasive Streamside Plants are a culmination of a three-year long effort to better utilize local planning tools for wetland protection. The Permitting Guide presents, in a concise and easy-to-read manner, the complex and wide-ranging regulations to be followed for any project that might alter streams or wetlands. The Plants Guide provides information to help protect the living stream environment.

Contact: Kimberly Rodriguez, Ventura County (805) 654-2481

2007 Planning Project

South Brea Lofts, City of Brea

The South Brea Lofts is a partnership with CWI Development and the Brea Redevelopment Agency. The project was approved in November 2005 for a 47-unit mixed use live/work development with 7,500 square feet of retail space. Under the CWI plan, each loft purchaser will receive a Global Electrical Motorcar GEM., an innovative use of Green Technology, helping to reduce emissions and improve air quality. The project incorporates solid, urban design principles with strong pedestrian connections.

Contact: Charles View, AICP, City of Brea (714) 990-7689

2007 Education Project

The Great Valley Center

In the fall of 2006, the Great Valley Center produced "Our Valley, Our Choice: Building a Livable Future for the San Joaquin Valley," a photography-based book to educate local residents, policy makers, and young people on land use, air quality, and transportation issues facing the San Joaquin Valley. The book was distributed to elected officials and policymakers, but was also made available through Costco, Barnes and Noble, and Borders in order to ensure a wider audience.

Contact: Richard Cummings, Great Valley Center (209) 522-5103

2007 Neighborhood Planning

University Avenue Action Plan, City of Riverside

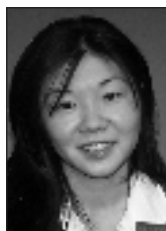
The process for the University Avenue Action Plan and Implementation Plan began in October 2006 and was adopted by the City of Riverside City Council in January 2007. The Action Plan outlines strategies that contribute to the long-term viability of the avenue and recommends a series of ten action items that are designed to create an environment for increased private sector investment along University Avenue.

Contact: Ken Gutierrez, City of Riverside (951) 826-5981

California Planning Foundation Awards

2007 Scholarship Awards

OUTSTANDING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Kei Nagao
UCLA
First Place: \$4,000



Christina Batteate
Cal Poly, SLO
Runner Up: \$2,000



Amanda Berk
UC Irvine
Runner Up: \$2,000



Hector Solis
Cal Poly Pomona
Runner Up: \$2,000



Kennetha Gaines
UCLA
Outstanding Diversity Award: \$2,000

\$1,000 SECTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

RUSSELL FEY (CENTRAL SECTION)

Christina Batteate, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Ian Peterson, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Kenji Miyata, CSU Channel Island
Claire Early, UC Santa Barbara

INLAND EMPIRE SECTION

Steven Kim, Cal Poly Pomona

LOS ANGELES SECTION

Jeremiah Petsas, Cal Poly Pomona
Laurie Wagenen, California State Northridge
David Berneman, UCLA
Mohja Rhoads, UCLA

NORTHERN SECTION

Chris Lepe, San Jose State University
Ted Sands, Stanford
Krute Singa, UC Berkeley

ORANGE SECTION

Lincoln Hurlbut, UC Irvine

SAN DIEGO SECTION

Carol Feucht, UC San Diego
Adam Krohn, UC San Diego

KEN MILAM (County Planning Director's Association), \$1,000 awards:

Laura Zahn UCLA

RICHARD G. MUNSELL/CALIFORNIA PLANNING ROUNDTABLE SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000 awards:

Chris Lepe San Jose State University
Jackelyn Cornejo UCLA

2007 Continuing and Graduating Student Merit Awards

(Continuing: \$500 + 1 Year APA Student Membership)

Kevin Clausen Cal Poly, Pomona	Carolyn Schutten Cal Poly, Pomona	Lily Schinsing Cal Poly, SLO
Jennifer Venema Cal Poly, SLO	Amy Fauria San Jose State University	Kristin Laurel Perkins UC Berkeley
Anthony Evon UC Irvine	Peter Carter UCLA	Trisha Fleming USA

(Graduating: 1 Year APA Student Membership)

Daniel Ferguson Cal Poly, Pomona	Andrew Pease Cal Poly, Pomona	Emily Avery Cal Poly, SLO
David Grim Cal Poly, SLO	Jared Hart San Jose State University	Jean Elizabeth Eisberg UC Berkeley
Joanna Chang UC Irvine	Lily Song UCLA	Gyongyi Pilar Sosario USC

Planners Emeritus Network Honor Awards

Three people have been selected by the Board of Directors of the Planner Emeritus Network (PEN) for Honor Awards. Each year, PEN recognizes planners who have made significant contributions to the planning profession and who have contributed to APA and other planning organizations, including community organizations and activities. Recipients may be persons who are "emeritus" to the profession or persons

whose ongoing contribution to the profession over a number of years warrant recognition.

The 2007 recipients are:

Vivian Kahn, FAICP
Larry Mintier, FAICP
Paul Zucker, FAICP

2007 CCAPA Awards

Awards Jury

John Chase
Harriet Lai Ross
Rachel Hurst, AICP
Alicia Harrison, AICP
Hing Wong, AICP



State Awards Coordinator

Conni Pallini-Tipton, AICP

California Chapter Vice President of Administration

Kurt Christiansen, AICP

Legislative Update

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DENSITY BONUS SIMPLIFICATION (AB 1449)

- All density bonus bills sent to interim study
- Start from scratch or streamline? Still determining approach
- Interaction with inclusionary housing ordinances also on the table
- CCAPA needs local agency horror stories from CCAPA members

REGIONAL BLUEPRINTS/RTPs/CLIMATE CHANGE/LAND USE (SB 375)

- Requires RTPs to incorporate GHG targets and develop sustainable communities strategy (SCS)
- SCS to identify areas for housing, significant resource areas and farmland and identify a transportation network
- SCS must achieve development pattern that would reduce GHG emissions to meet AB 32 targets
- SCS must also attempt to avoid development in significant resources areas and farmlands
- Encourages but does not require other transportation agencies, counties to use the guidelines
- Provides CEQA "relief" to local governments if they amend general plans consistent with SCS for residential/missed use infill projects
- CCAPA agrees with the goals of this proposal
- But, it needs a lot of careful consideration before it can be implemented
- There is no clear direction how this will work with existing Blueprints, RHNA, HCPs, other local farmland protection and resource protection efforts and other local requirements
- CEQA relief is not workable
- Still possibility local consistency may be tied to future funding

WATER

- CCAPA asked to be a member of the State Water Plan Advisory Board

*CCAPA Climate Change Policy Paper:***AB 32 Background**

- Reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020
- Major focus on "smart land use" and "intelligent transportation"
- Legislative proposals to address effects of climate change on flooding, water supply, coastal planning (sea level rise) (some included in flood measures — most not successful because of ongoing administrative efforts to address same issues)
- OPR, the Energy Commission, and CalTrans are holding meetings to develop climate change and land use policy recommendations as well

CCAPA "Planning Principles for Climate Change Response"

CCAPA, to assist planners in dealing with climate change issues at the local level, has published its "Planning Principles for Climate Change Response." **It is available on the CCAPA Website homepage at www.calapa.org.**

General principles include:

State Roles

- OPR should develop guidance to address climate change issues at state, regional, and local level
- Empower regional planning bodies to address climate change in regional land use and transportation plans
- Provide incentives
- Provide data on effects of climate change

Regional Roles

- Clearinghouse and conduit between local, regional, and state efforts
- Focus on regional issues and develop regional GHG reduction goals; use Program EIR for later tiering
- Rely on voluntary implementation, but provide incentives, including funding priority

Local Government Roles

- Local land use and capital plans should reduce VMT and encourage alternative transportation
- Encourage green and sustainable development through higher densities, mixed use, and LEED certification, etc.
- Strategies to reduce GHG and adapt to climate change consistent with regional plans

Role of CEQA

- New guidelines and methods needed to analyze impacts, determine significance and provide mitigation
- Tiering from regional plans and EIRs is key
- Focus on large projects, starting with projects of statewide, regional or area wide significance, including local General Plans

*Initiatives:***Eminent Domain**

- ACA 8 and AB 887 League proposals failed to pass the Legislature
- Republicans wanted more protection for churches, farmland, all businesses
- On to the initiative process for June 2008
- Two options: Son of Prop 90 or League-sponsored Californians for Eminent Domain Reform

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Planners On THE MOVE

Jennifer Andersen, AICP, formerly with the City of Fremont Redevelopment Agency, is pleased to announce the establishment of Andersen Planning Consultants providing planning, redevelopment, entitlement and public outreach services in the Bay Area. Andersen can be reached at 510.750.6510 or jennifer@andersenconsulting.com.

Ron Foster, AICP, has joined ESA as Senior Transportation Planner in ESA's San Francisco Bay Area Community Development Group.

Deborah Kruse had joined ESA's Water Team as Senior Managing Associate in the Central Valley Office.

Monica Newhouse has joined ESA Airports, the firm's national airport consulting services practice.

Mike Sharar has joined ESA as Director of its Olympia office.

David K. Wolff has joined ESA as Director of Biological Resources and Land Management for Southern California in ESA's Woodland Hills office.

Steve Lustro, AICP, has been appointed Director of Community Development for the City of Montclair after serving as its City Planner for seven years.

Lois Heyman Scott, AICP, senior planner with the City and County of San Francisco, has been elected President of International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO, representing over 7,000 professional employees in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Hogel-Ireland, Inc has opened a new office in Pasadena. **Laura Stetson, AICP** joined the company as senior project manager. Joining Stetson are **Sam Gennawey**, Senior Associate Project Manager; **Lisa A. Brownfield**, Senior Associate Project Manager; **Diana M. Gonzalez**, Associate Project Manager II; **Genevieve Sharrow**, Assistant Project Manager II; **Enabell Diaz**, Assistant Project Manager I; **Andrew Flores**, Assistant Project Manager I, and **Annette Arredondo**, Office Manager. Hogle-Ireland, Inc. has moved its Inland Empire office to a new, larger location in "The Grove" at 1500 Iowa Ave., Suite 110, in Riverside. **Charles Rangel** is taking his land planning experience to the Coachella Valley as the new Senior Project Manager at Hogle-Ireland, Inc.

KKE Architects, Inc.'s Board of Directors has promoted **George Bean, AIA** to an Associate - Private Development Group in Irvine and **Andy Neff** to an Associate - Commercial Development Group in Pasadena.

The City of Seaside is pleased to welcome several new planners to the City. **Barbara Nelson, AICP** is the City's new Planning Services Manager. **Senior Planner Diana Hurlbert** and Associate Planners **Beth Rocha** and **Clark Larson** are also new additions to the City staff.

Robert S. Sronce has joined PMC as a Housing Planner and Grants Specialist.

Shawn Tillman, AICP, has become the senior planner for Neighborhood Services for the City of Chico.

Randall Wilson, of PMC, is now the Interim Planning Director for Plumas County.

Legislative Update

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Son of Prop 90

- "Faux eminent domain" reform
- Water bomb: flaw would sink water projects in California, including dams contemplated on private property, and water resource, conservation, and habitat protection projects
- Prohibits laws and regulations that "transfer an economic benefit to one or more private persons at the expense of the private owner"
- Applies to virtually all local land use decisions – lawsuit bait
- No exemption for public health and safety or environmental protection

League Initiative

- Straight Kelo redevelopment fix
- No additional protections for small businesses, churches or farm land
- CCAPA part of this coalition
- Part of CCAPA's new PR effort to highlight the importance of smart planning

WATER SUPPLY

- May be initiatives from Senator Perata, the Republicans and the Governor
- Biggest controversy: funding dams vs. conservation.

PEN Broadcasts Information

PEN will be broadcasting important information to your e-mail address. So that you don't miss out on these important messages, please check your e-mail address with National APA. You can review and update your membership information online at www.planning.org. On the home page go to the Member Services drop-down list and choose the Membership Database link. You will need your membership number which is located on your *Planning Magazine* label or your dues renewal invoice. Please call 916.736.2434 for further information.

CPF Issues Scholarship Awards and Raises Over \$22,000 at 2007 Auction

2007 was a year of continued success for the CPF Scholarship Fund as we again issued several student scholarship awards and had another record-breaking auction at the CCAPA Conference in San Jose. These achievements would not have been possible without the generous support of Cal Chapter APA Sections and members, Friends of CPF, and our numerous auction donors and volunteers. As we enter 2008, we look forward to even greater successes in our goal of raising funds for scholarships and providing economical, timely, and relevant professional development workshops for the practicing planning professional.

2007 Scholarships

In 2007, the CPF Scholarship Fund awarded over \$34,000 in scholarships to graduate and undergraduate planning students who will become practicing planners in California. This year's scholarship winners, selected by the faculty in each planning program, were acknowledged at a special awards luncheon during the 2007 CCAPA Conference in San Jose.

CPF Auction

Thanks to generous donations from Cal Chapter APA members, conference attendees (through auction items and raffle ticket purchases), the annual Section Challenge, and sponsorships from Friends of CPF, the 2007 CPF Auction raised over \$22,000! This amount also included the additional generosity of several auction participants who graciously donated cash – to the tune of over \$4,000!! This year, we also experienced a milestone event with ALL EIGHT CCAPA Sections participating in this year's Section Challenge during the Live Auction. A special "Thank You" goes out to the Friends of CPF whose contributions provide support for the scholarship fund. CPF distributes all proceeds from its fundraising activities toward scholarships, and we look forward to being able to award a healthy round of scholarships in 2008.



Silent Auction patrons examining the variety of items and trying to outbid one another

2007-08 Section Challenge Winner: Los Angeles Section
(largest single package bid of \$1,600)

2007-08 Friends of CPF:

Stanley R. Hoffman
Associates

Keith B. Higgins &
Associates

Zucker Systems

Design Community &
Environment, Inc.

Michael Brandman
Associates

Crawford, Multari and Clark

Jacobson & Wack Planning
Consultants

EMC Planning Group, Inc.

EIP Associates, a Division
of PBS&J

Willdan

Imago Web Designs

David E. Witt

Collette Morse

Kim Christensen

Betsy McCullough and

Jim Hare

Carl Morehouse

Many thanks to Cal APA members for continued support of CPF and its work to provide financial assistance to tomorrow's planners! For more information, please visit our website: www.californiaplanningfoundation.org.



Auctioneer Alex Amoroso encouraging bidders at the Live Auction



CPF Auction Cashier Central hard at work collecting payments from winning bidders